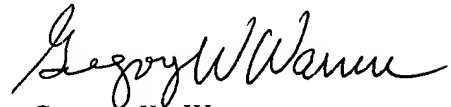


REMARKS

Applicants have amended Figures 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, and 3 to remove the sequence identifiers. Replacement figures, which incorporate the desired changes, labeled "Replacement Sheet" have been presented in the complete set of Figures enclosed herewith as instructed in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. The sequence identifiers of Figures 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, and 3 were moved to the Brief Description of Figures section in Applicants' previous paper filed September 23, 2004.

No new matter has been added by way of the instant amendment to the Figures. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the instant amendment be entered and receive favorable consideration. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned agent if any questions or concerns arise during examination.

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DRAWING AMENDMENTS

Please delete the phrase “Sequence ID No. 5” from the heading of Figure 1A.

Please delete the phrase “Sequence ID No. 1” from the heading of Figure 1B.

Please delete the phrase “Sequence ID No. 2” from the heading of Figure 2A.

Please delete the phrase “Sequence ID No. 3” from the heading of Figure 2B.

Please delete the phrase “ Sequence ID No. 4” from the heading of Figure 3.